## Stick Figure Data

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These 32 data cards are designed for statistical activities.
Print the cards 16 to a page and cut them out to create the set of 32 cards.
There are nine variables presented on the cards, not including names: four numerical variables (age, height, average heart rate, and average temperature) and five categorical variables (mood, headgear, pet type, bike ownership, and stance). The data have been carefully designed so that some pairs of variables have a clear relationship and some do not.
The main activity the cards are designed for is to arrange the cards spatially in order to investigate and display the relationships between pairs of variables. An instruction sheet is shown on the next page. I recommend letting the students look at the data cards and discussing what they see, then talking through the instructions before showing them the instruction sheet.

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Each data card shows information about stick figure people, with nine variables shown on each card.
Choose one variable from each column below and circle them to complete the sentence.
(You can write your own variable as long as it can be figured out from what you see on the cards.)

| How is | age | related to | age | ? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | height |  | height |  |
|  | heart rate |  | heart rate |  |
|  | temperature |  | temperature |  |
|  | mood |  | mood |  |
|  | stance |  | stance |  |
|  | headgear |  | headgear |  |
|  | pet type |  | pet type |  |
|  | bike ownership |  | bike ownership |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Arrange the data cards on the table so that someone else can see how $\qquad$ is related to $\qquad$ .
They have to be able to see the relationship from the way the cards are arranged without reading all the cards.
When you are happy with the arrangement, place this sheet next to the cards so that people know what to look for.
Then either investigate a new relationship with a fresh sheet and set of cards, or go to look at other people's card arrangements.


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Kami
Age (years): 50 Height (cm): 170
Average heart rate (bpm): 62 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 36.6$


# Lan <br> Age (years): 26 Height (cm): 173 

Average heart rate (bpm): 75
 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 36.9$


Shannon
Age (years): 38 Height (cm): 178
Average heart rate (bpm): 56


Darren
Age (years): 20 Height (cm): 165
Average heart rate (bpm): 100
 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 37.3$

Brianna
Age (years): 26 Height (cm): 160
Average heart rate (bpm): 85
 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 36.8$

Taylor
Age (years): 26 Height (cm): 169
Average heart rate (bpm): 80


Average heart rate (bpm): 64



Age (years): 25 Height (cm): 162
Average heart rate (bpm): 81 Average temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ): 36.9

Zara Age (years): 23 Height (cm): 171
Average heart rate (bpm): 68




Rylan
Age (years): 23 Height (cm): 173
Average heart rate (bpm): 72
 Average temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ): 36.8

Mingmei

> Age (years): 28 Height (cm): 170

Average heart rate (bpm): 65
 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 37.0$



Muhammad Age (years): 46 Height (cm): 167
Average heart rate (bpm): 95
 Average temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ): 36.8

Molly
Age (years): 21 Height (cm): 177
Average heart rate (bpm): 73


## Alex

> Age (years): 33 Height (cm): 167

Average heart rate (bpm): 73


## Leila $\quad$ Age (years): 39 Height (cm): 172

Average heart rate (bpm): 73
 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 36.7$


## Dakota Age (years): 18 Height (cm): 163

Average heart rate (bpm): 86


Sai

> Age (years): 30 Height (cm): 169

Average heart rate (bpm): 79
 Average temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ): 36.8


Jordan

> Age (years): 19 Height (cm): 175

Average heart rate (bpm): 77
 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 37.3$


Sydney
Age (years): 31 Height (cm): 179
Average heart rate (bpm): 63


Charlie Age (years): 29 Height (cm): 169
Average heart rate (bpm): 89
 Average temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ): 36.6

Sasha
Age (years): 26 Height (cm): 174 Average heart rate (bpm): 85 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 36.7$

Phoenix
Age (years): 19 Height (cm): 162
Average heart rate (bpm): 92 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 37.0$

Zhang
Age (years): 43 Height (cm): 165
Average heart rate (bpm): 74 Average temp $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 37.0$

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Sarah
Age (years): 49 Height (cm): 172
Average heart rate (bpm): 68
 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 36.4$


Joseph

> Age (years): 26 Height (cm): 167

Average heart rate (bpm): 65



## Afrina

 Age (years): 21 Height (cm): 172Average heart rate (bpm): 83 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 37.2$
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Casey
Age (years): 32 Height (cm): 181
Average heart rate (bpm): 71


Age (years): 29 Height (cm): 171
Average heart rate (bpm): 76 Average temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ): 36.7

Matthew

> Age (years): 23 Height (cm): 167

Average heart rate (bpm): 81 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 36.7$


Age (years): 26 Height (cm): 167
Average heart rate (bpm): 84 Average temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 36.8$

